

## **SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*Vintage Church-*

***All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need (Acts 2:44-45, NIV).***

### ***OPENING PRAYER TIME***

Praying Scripture, God's Word back to Him is a powerful way to let Him know our heart. If we are to be a people like the those in the early church, a Christ-centered family, we must be selfless. Join me in praying ***Philippians 2:3-4***.

***Lord, help this be my prayer. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."***

### ***OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION(S)***

1. How does praying God's Word back to Him help us, and why is this something that we should practice? How can this practice help us become a Christ-centered Acts 1:8 family?
2. What does it even mean to be a Christ-Centered Acts 1:8 family?

### ***SERMON/BIBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS***

3. Re-read ***Acts 2:42-47*** together and S.O.A.P. Is there anything that you noticed this time that you have noticed before?
4. What does it mean that "they had everything in common"? How was this so different from the culture that they were living in?
5. How would the world look at us (believers) if we started living like this, like the "Vintage Church"? How do you feel about it, and could you live this way?
6. Read ***Acts 4:32-35*** together. While reading these verses think about what the world would look like if this was the way we (the church) lived? Discuss and think about how, why and who started schools, hospitals and orphanages? How would the world react if we truly started following the example of the early church and loving one another?
7. Read ***Acts 4:36-37*** and then ***Acts 5:1-11*** together. Here we read of a positive example, followed by a poor example of how to handle or steward what God has given us. What were the main issues here (v3-4)? How can we learn from this teaching on not only lying to God but withholding from Him?
8. Discuss together what we are taught in the church from God's Word about being a cheerful, obedient giver, giving back to God a portion of what He has graciously given us. Why is it that we often hear and receive teaching on giving to God, but not withholding from God? What's the difference between not giving and withholding?

9. What can we learn from the story of Abraham and Isaac and God's response to Abraham in verse 12? ***“Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”*** What does this really have to do with?  
***“for the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless, O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you” (Psalm 84:11-12, NIV).***
10. What are some lessons that we can learn from this teaching, and from the early church, and how can we put them into action today? How can we be the Christ-centered Acts 1:8 family that is not only devoted to one another, but is a blessing to all those around us?

***CLOSING PRAYER TIME***

Pray today that the Holy Spirit would guide us into action, and that we would be a people that not only seeks after Him but is a blessing to all those around us. To Him be the glory!